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SUBJECT: UN COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): PUERTO RICO

REF: A. USUN 2584; B. USUN 2558; C. USUN 2541

1. SUMMARY: C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN VRAALSEN MET CUBAN MISSION SECOND SECRETARY SALADO VILLACIN AND HAVANA FOREIGN MINISTRY FUNCTIONARY AM AUGUST 15. SALADO GAVE VRAALSEON REVISED TEXT FOR DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO. TEXT IN FINAL PARA BELOW. IN RECEIVING DRAFT FROM VRAALSEON, USUN OFFICER REEMPHASIZED PREFERENCE FOR STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN. VRAALSEON SAID HE WOULD WORK FOR THIS. HE HAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT "HALF-WAY HOUSE" MIGHT BE A DECISION BY COMMITTEE READ BY CHAIRMAN RATHER THAN "APPROVAL" BY COMMITTEE OF PROPOSAL BY CHAIRMAN AS WAS THE CASE IN 1976. END SUMMARY.

2. MISOFF SUGGESTED TO VRAALSEON THAT SUBSTANCE OF 6TH PREAMBULAR PARA MIGHT BE INSERTED AS SECOND OPERATIVE SENTENCE IN STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN. ADDITIONALLY, MISOFF STRESSED THAT WORDS "IS WILLING TO ABIDE BY" IN 6TH PREAMBULAR PARA WERE QUITE INAPPROPRIATE GIVEN PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSURANCE OF "SUPPORT" FOR WISHES OF PEOPLE OF
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PUERTO RICO REGARDING STATUS. VRAALSEON CONCURRED FULLY THAT SUBSTITUTION OF "WILL SUPPORT" FOR "IS WILLING TO ABIDE BY" WOULD BE ENTIRELY APPROPRIATE AND CORRECT. VRAALSEN ASKED ABOUT FACTURAL ACCURACY OF REFERENCE IN FIRST OPERATIVE PARA TO "THE OIL AND GAS DEPOSITS RECENTLY DISCOVERED."

3. VRAALSEN REQUESTED US REACTION SOONEST SO AS TO RESUME NEGOTIATION WITH CUBANS.

4. VRAALSEON SAID CUBA'S PERM REP ALARCON HAD NOT YET RETURNED TO NEW YORK BY WAS EXPECTED LATER IN DAY AUGUST 15. VRAALSEON ADDED THAT C-24 VICE CHAIRMAN AMB ABDULAH OF TRINDADA AND TOBAGO WOULD TAKE C-24 CHAIR PM AUGUST 15. THUS VRAALSEON WOULD REMAIN FREE FOR NEGOTIATING WORK.

5. TEXT OF REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION FOLLOWS:
QUOTE DRAFT CONSENSUS

THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE,
HAVING CONSIDERED THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO
IN THE LIGHT OF RESOLUTION 1514 (XV);
BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE' S RESOLUTIONS
OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST 1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO,
AS WELL AS THE CONSENSUS ADOPTED BY THE COMMITTEE
AT THE CONCLUSION OF ITS DEBATE ON PUERTO RICO IN
1976;
NOTING THE DECISIONS ADOPTED ON PUERTO RICO BY THE
5TH SUMMIT MEETING OF THE NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN COLOMBO
IN AUGUST 1976 AS WELL AS BY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING
OF THE BUREAU OF SAID NON-ALIGNED NATIONS HELD IN NEW
DELHI IN APRIL 1977;
TAKING NOTE WITH APPRECIATION OF THE REPORT SUB-
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MITTED BY THE RAPPOREUR, DOC. A/AC. 109/L.1191 IN
COMPLIANCE WITH LAST YEAR'S DECISION;
HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENTS OF THE PETITIONERS
AND MEMBERS DURING THE DEBATE;
ACKNOWLEDGING THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY THE DELEGATION
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN ITS LETTER TO THE
RAPPOREUR OF 1977, WHERE IT IS STATED THAT THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WILL SUPPORT THE
DECISIONS OF THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE IN FULL EXERCISE
OF ITS SELF-DETERMINATION;
REAFFIRMS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF
PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION, INCLUDING THE RIGHT
TO INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RESOLUTION 1514
(XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND BY VIRTUE OF THAT RIGHT TO
FREELY DETERMINE ITS POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE
ITS SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING
EXPLOITATION OF ITS ON-SHORE AND OFF-SHORE RESOURCES
ESPECIALLY THE OIL AND NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS RECENTLY
DISCOVERED;
DECIDES TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF PUERTO RICO IN ITS
AGENDA FOR CONTINUOUS REVIEW IN ORDER TO GIVE CAREFUL

ATTENTION TO ALL THE IMPORTANT MATTERS UNDER
CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE
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